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AS A SLIGHT EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE AND RESPECT TOWARDS

ONE WHOSE LIFE IS A CONSTANT WITNESS

OF THE POWER OF

HUMBLE AND UNSWERVING LOYALTY

TO

TRUTH AND DUTY

THE COLLEGE, WORCESTER, All Saints' Day, 1883. 1

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PREFACE.

THE Sermons in this volume were preached *extempore*, and most of them on more than one occasion. The first three were preached in substance in St. Paul's Cathedral in the Lent of 1882, and the following four and the last in the same place in the Lent of 1883; but their earlier form has been altered and corrected in accordance with later treatment of the same subjects.

These Sermons attempt to suggest thoughts and teachings arising out of only one aspect of the Passion. Many of the deeper truths of that adorable mystery have been in this little volume scarcely touched; but to think reverently though slightly of any department of that mysterious and touching story may be helpful, and cannot be wrong. The volume has been long delayed owing to the constant pressure of necessary work. It is published in accordance with the wish of friends, and in the hope that it may comfort some

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penitent, or arouse some careless soul, or help some labouring lives in the toils of their pilgrimage, to be conformed at a less disheartening distance to the standard bequeathed to us in the greatness and sorrow of the Man of men.

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